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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks.

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Amendment

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Please amend claim 52, as follows:

52. (Once amended) The body fluid absorbing material of claim 45, wherein the carboxylic acid monomer is neutralized by a base selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, triethylamine, sodium ethoxide, sodium methoxide, or combinations thereof.